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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 2, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

REMEMBERING RESULTS ADVOCATE LA'SHON MARSHALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memories of Michigan's 13th District Strong mother, friend, sister, and community advocate, La'Shon Marshall; her partner, Aaron Benson; and her 5-year-old son, Caleb, all of whom we lost to senseless gun violence this past week.

I knew La'Shon Marshall as a loving mother, a daughter, and a friend, but I

knew her also as a constituent and as part of a group called RESULTS. It is an antipoverty advocacy organization, and RESULTS would meet with me every year to talk about adjusting poverty and access to quality housing for our families.

In one of my first meetings, I met La'Shon, and she was passionate. She talked about renters' rights. She talked about access to safe housing. We made an instant connection based on our mutual passions: housing stability, ending childhood poverty, and ensuring a better quality of life for all.

Hearing of her murder was devastating not only to my team and me but to our community. This is a tragedy that no community should endure.

La'Shon was truly a beacon of light. She will be remembered as an incredible mother, and we will always remember Caleb as the light of her life. She truly loved him. And I will always remember knowing her as an exceptional advocate for the 13th District Strong.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering La'Shon Marshall, Caleb Marshall, and Aaron Benson of our community as we mourn their loss.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF TERRANCE ARMOUR AND
CARLY TAYLOR

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage and deep sadness about the deaths of Wayne County teens Terrance Armour and Carly Taylor, whose lives were lost to gun violence last year.

Carlesa and Terrance were accomplished high school students with bright futures ahead of them. Terrance had plans to attend college in Nevada. Carly was a standout on the Ecorse High School basketball team who was being recruited for college athletic scholarships and opportunities.

This past weekend, I hugged both of their mothers, and I remember the tears from Dionne Weathers and Tikia Armour-Brooks. There is a saying that

the most painful good-byes are the ones that are never said and never explained.

As we mark this grim anniversary, I offer my deepest sympathies to Terrance and Carlesa's families and loved ones and commit to stopping gun violence in our country. And as they continue to mourn their loss, I want them to know we are working on behalf of them and also in honor of their memories.

SUPPORTING THE HONORING OUR PACT ACT

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to speak today in support of the Honoring Our PACT Act.

Our soldiers put their lives at risk every day and became severely ill as a result of burn pit exposure. We owe it to them to care for them in their time of need. I am voting "yes" on the PACT Act because they deserve nothing less.

I greatly appreciate the work of Chairman TAKANO, the members of the committee, and the staff in getting this task done. It was not easy. However, I must be clear. While this bill is clearly the best attempt yet to pay our Nation's debt to our sick and dying veterans, it is only a first step. It does not cover all the illnesses believed to be caused by burn pit exposure, and it does not fully invest in new, innovative treatments that could drastically improve their quality of life and recovery chances.

To hear some of my colleagues, including many who happily vote for every absurd defense budget without a blink of an eye, complain about the cost of treating our veterans is downright insulting. It is time for Congress to do its job and care for our veterans.

Let's start by passing the Honoring Our PACT Act and then immediately get back to work on new legislation that comprehensively covers any veteran who has become ill as a result of exposure to toxins during their service to our country.

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